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ROOSEVELT'S DECLINATION.

There is one grave possibility confronting the republicans of this country, namely, the absolute refusal of Theodore Roosevelt to accept the nomination for the presidency again. The gravity of the situation would be the straits to which the party would be put to supply the vacancy: for never in the history of the republican party has such a condition of real dearth of material that in any way approximates the strength and popularity of this man existed. He has been so unique and so compelling a factor in the current history of the nation; so large, so resourceful, so successful a leader and doer of things; so clean and manly and honest in the doing of his work, that most men, who might be named as his successor, would lose caste in the contrast that would be invoked. And he will be sorely needed, for the lesser man's election will be the signal for the renewed encroachments of the legion of enemies of the common people, in the hope of undoing the vital things he has wrought. And it may as well be said, in passing, that the defeat of the republican party, at this juncture of its immense and recent successes, means a defeat of inevitably long duration and a corresponding opportunity for the up-lift of the opposition and for its rehabilitation and popularity. Every influence available must be brought to bear to gain Mr. Roosevelt's consent to take the office again.

The Great Power Of the President

By JOHN C. SPOONER, Senior Senator From Wisconsin

THE president is so supreme under the constitution in the matter of treaties, EXCLUDING ONLY THE SENATE'S RATIFICATION, that he may negotiate a treaty, he may send it to the senate, it may receive by way of "advice and consent" the unanimous judgment of the senate that it is in the highest degree for the public interest, and yet the president is as free when it is sent back to the White House with resolution of ratification attached to put it in his desk NEVER AGAIN TO SEE THE LIGHT OF DAY as he was free to determine in the first instance whether he would or would not negotiate it.

That power is not expressly given to the president by the constitution, but it inheres in the executive power conferred upon him to conduct our foreign relations, and it is a power which inheres in him as the SOLE ORGAN under the constitution through whom our foreign relations and diplomatic intercourse are conducted. Out of public necessity the president should be permitted to pocket a treaty, no matter if every member of the senate thought he ought to exchange the ratification. Why? Because as the president, through the ambassadors, ministers, consuls and all of the agencies of the government, exploring sources of information everywhere, it is HIS BUSINESS TO KNOW whether anything has occurred since the senate acted upon the treaty which would render it for the public interest that the ratifications be not exchanged.

AND HE IS EMPOWERED TO WITHHOLD EXCHANGE OF RATIFICATIONS, IF UPON LATER KNOWLEDGE HE DEEMS IT FOR THE PUBLIC INTEREST SO TO DO.

A statehood bill should be passed with the not unreasonable proviso for a referendum vote. At one period in this country's history the consent of the governed was considered an absolute essential.

The fellow who is content to be just an average man may be glad to know that the average American income is \$650 a year. How much larger the average outgo is we cannot say.

It is said that John D. Rockefeller's motto in life is "never give in." From the way some newspaper writers describe him the motto would seem to be "never give up."

Persevering.
Young man—Dare I ask you to marry me?
Young lady—Very sorry, but I become engaged only today.
Young man—Very well, then, tomorrow.—Figaro.

Among Thieves.
"My boy always brings something home. Yesterday he stole a gold watch, and today he has brought the guarantee for it."—Figaro.

The Better Sort.
"Here's a cigar which I reserved specially for you."
"Well, do you know, I would rather have one which you had specially reserved for yourself."—Witzblatt.

Practical Parents.
"Why have you called the youngster 'Lorenz'?" Our respect to the memory of his late grandfather?
"Respect? No, but we have just got a hundred visiting cards with that name which he can use later."—Witzblatt.

The Bad Waltzer.
"May I put my name down, Miss Ella, for the third quadrille?"
"Certainly, with pleasure. I shall be home by that time."—Witzblatt.

WOMAN IS LOST IN THE ADIRONDACKS

LAKE PLACID, N. Y., June 29.—After a search lasting all Wednesday night and throughout yesterday Dr. J. D. Merrill, a prominent woman physician of Chicago, was found yesterday by Charles Matrin, a local guide, on the summit of Mount Whiteface, where she had passed the night.

In company with Miss J. L. Warner of Boston, with whom she is tramping through the Adirondacks, Dr. Merrill Wednesday left Lake Side Inn in this village, planning to climb the mountain, go down the other side and reach the village of Wilmington before night fall. Where the trail divides in two parts half way up the mountain the women became confused, one taking one and one the other branch. Miss Warner became frightened and made her way back to the boat landing.

Searching parties at once set out from the village to locate Dr. Merrill and it was not until about noon yesterday that she was found on the summit of the mountain, where she had passed the night beneath the shelter of a friendly ledge. The woman was assisted back to the village, suffering from exposure and the terrible strain.

PROPERTY DEED READY.

BUFFALO, June 29.—The deed for the property, known as the Hamburg slip for which Lee, Higginson & Company, of Boston, bid \$901,000 several months ago, paying down \$91,000 is ready and the balance of the purchase money will be paid over today. The deed has been made out to George C. Yeomans and Henry F. Wardwell of Chicago, and Edward B. Pryor of St. Louis, "As trustees for the Buffalo Terminal Company," a new concern. Pryor is fourth vice-president and Yeomans assistant to President Delano of the Wabash Railway. Wardwell is said also to be connected with that company.

PLUCKY ASTORIA.

If Astoria, by push, and prayer, and other potentialities, is not to succeed in getting anything done for the temporary deepening of the Columbia river bar, so be it! She has enough to attend to beside. She can fix up her charter; build that new hotel; lay her plans for accomplishing the seawall; renew her streets; put up the new opera house; help in the construction of the interurban to Seaside; pull off the best regatta on record; and do other pending and proper things, that will equip her all the more, for demanding, and getting, those that must be had from the outside. She is independent, in a large sense, and spunky, as well; two qualifications that mean success always.

TALK IS DANGEROUS.

Did you ever notice that "talk" doesn't hurt a man much? Perfection isn't looked for in a man, and when some one tries to injure a man by ranting about a few faults he has, the absent one, who is probably attending to his own affairs, is elevated in the hearer's estimation, while the informant is lowered accordingly. If a man knocks along, doing fairly well, people realize that while he has some faults, he has more virtues and they are charitable enough to overlook these faults. But it is different with a girl or woman. No matter how good and pure a woman may be, let someone start an infamous lie about her and everyone is willing to pass it along, and there is always someone to believe it. That lie can never be lived down. It may burn low but the gossip-loving are ready with new fuel. Did you ever think how damnably mean some goody-good people are in this respect?

THE EARTH A BABY.

"Mother Earth" is a misnomer. Dr. Thomas C. Chamberlin, head of the department of geology at the University of Chicago, expresses the view that the earth is still in its infancy. The earth will endure 100,000,000 years more, the professor told the members of the geographic society at the Municipal Museum in Chicago. "We cannot look with indifference on the future," he said. "The human race really has just come into possession of the earth. The fact that the rocks and the animals have had their eras of prosperity is the basis for my belief that we shall have millions of years to work out our ideals of intellectuality. I believe the world will be inhabited for millions of years."

EDITORIAL SALAD.

Three Russian anarchists have been kept out of the country by special order of the President. Why should a Russian anarchist want to come to this country at this time? There certainly was never a more promising field than Russia itself.

A very fine point has been finally determined by experts in French buellling. It is now decided that if previous agreement has been reached, the combatants have a right to aim at each other. How deadly.

WEATHER.
Western Oregon and Washington—Showers; warmer.
Eastern Washington and Oregon—Fair and warmer.

UNJUST AND POPULAR.

The strike of the coast sailors is an unjust, and therefore, wholly unpopular measure, and we believe it is going to fail utterly simply because it should. As a class of workers, the seamen in the Pacific Coast service, at \$45.00 per month and overtime, are among the best paid of all the tradesmen out here, the average of their earnings being, overtime included, \$100 per month, with housing and board, to boot, which means \$130 to \$140 per month, a wage very few brain-workers and skilled office men are getting for work immensely more valuable. And the fact that the cooks and waiters of the coasting fleets are standing pat for the raise of \$5.00, is another dubious and irreconcilable fact that operates against the sailors and their claim. These men are not able to render any more nor any better service if their wages should be increased as they demand, and they could not, if they would, give anything in return for the extra money. The strike is untimely and ties up the labor of thousands of men entirely innocent of any injustice to the seamen and wholly beyond the area of their field of work, except by indirection, and it is tying up industries that stand for millions of active capital and from which they draw the very income of their own lives. They are not overworked, nor underfed, nor illy housed; they have nothing, except greed, to plead in this venture, and the people are getting thoroughly next to the situation and the better they understand, the less sympathy and good-will they have for the strikers. It is a case where the employment of any kind of substitute labor is absolutely justified, Japanese, Chinese, or Malay, and the shipping firms are in it "with the bit in their teeth," and the general sympathy of the coast people.

ANOTHER CRISIS.

That day is barren indeed that does not furnish a Russian crisis. Now there is a real one at hand, and the emperor, and his court, are actually frightened, because their sole reliance heretofore, the army, is being rapidly disintegrated by parliamentary influence, and cannot be relied on another hour. This is the meat in the Russian cocoon. The safety of all things imperial and dynastic are mere bubbles for the bursting minus the terrific and unquestioning power of "the army." Well, there is no very wide sympathy for the Romanoffs anywhere in the world, just now; not near so much as there will be after they have been butted out their empty dignities and despoiled of their revenues wrought from the blood and killing toll of the millions that are frantic for emancipation. It is the old, old story, only the enormous scope of the country involved lends it emphasis, and makes the issues of liberty the grander the world over, "The King is Dead! Long Live the King!"

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